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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

THOMAS G. BRUTON
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PHILIP YORK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FMS INC

Defendant,

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1:12-cv-09790

Judge Charles R. Norgle, Sr

Magistrate Judge Sheila M. Finnegan

COMPLAINT

I. Preliminary Statement

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer against the Defendant for violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (hereafter the "FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. §1681 *et seq.*, as amended and the FAIR DEBT COLLECTIONS PRACTICES ACT (hereafter the "FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. §1692 *et seq.*, as amended

II. Jurisdiction and Venue

2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1681p, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337.

III. Venue

3. Venue lies properly in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

IV. Parties

4. Plaintiff, Philip York, is an adult individual and citizen of the city of Chicago, State of Illinois.

5. Defendant, FMS INC, is a business entity that regularly conducts business in the State of Illinois, and is a company whose Registered Agent ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE CO. is located at 801 Adlai Stevenson drive Springfeild, IL 62703

V. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

6. Plaintiff pulled his consumer credit reports from the three major credit reporting agencies EXPERIAN, TRANS UNION and EQUIFAX where he found entries by entities that he was unfamiliar with in the reports.

7. Plaintiff determined that his consumer credit report had been obtained on various occasions by various entities he did not recognize and without his consent.

8. Plaintiff found after examination of his EXPERIAN, TRANS UNION and EQUIFAX consumer credit reports that Defendant capital FMS INC had obtained Plaintiff's TRANS UNION consumer credit report on 12/7/2011.

9. Discovery of violation brought forth herein occurred in JULY of 2012 and is within the statute of limitations as defined in FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681p. and FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. 1692K(d)

Count I

VIOLATION OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT (FCRA), 15 U.S.C. §1681 WILLFUL NON-COMPLIANCE BY DEFENDANT FMS INC

10. Paragraphs 1 through 9 are realleged as though fully set forth herein.

11. Plaintiff is a consumer within the meaning of the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c).

12. Defendant, FMS INC, is a Corporation that acts as a debt collector, as defined by § 1692a of the FDCPA

13. Equifax is a credit reporting agency within the meaning of the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(f).

14. Consumer credit report is a consumer report within the meaning of the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(d).

15. The FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b defines the permissible purposes for which a person may obtain a consumer credit report.

16. Such permissible purposes as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681b are generally, if the consumer makes application for credit, makes application for employment, for underwriting of insurance involving the consumer, or is offered a bona fide offer of credit as a result of the inquiry.

17. Plaintiff has never had any business dealings or any accounts with, made application for credit from, made application for employment with, applied for insurance from, or received a bona fide offer of credit from the Defendant FMS INC.

18. At no time did Plaintiff give his consent for Defendant FMS INC to acquire his consumer credit report from any credit reporting agency.

19. FCRA in 15 U.S.C. §1681a(r)(4) states: The terms "account" and "electronic fund transfer" have the same meanings as in section 1693a of this title.

(2) the term "account" means a demand deposit, savings deposit, or other asset account (other than an occasional or incidental credit balance in an open end credit plan as defined in section 1602(i) of this Act), as described in regulations of the Board, established primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, but such term does not include an account held by a financial institution pursuant to a bona fide trust agreement;

20. The definition of "account" clearly does not include an account such as a credit card open end credit account but does include a demand deposit account, savings deposit or other asset account which is wholly different. The Plaintiff never had any such account so there was obviously no permissible purpose for the credit pull.

21. On December 7, 2011 FMS INC obtained the TRANS UNION consumer credit report for the Plaintiff with no permissible purpose in violation of FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b. Plaintiff has no idea or indication as to what possible alleged account FMS INC could claim to have of his and is positive he had no account with FMS INC which would come under the definition of account in the FCRA in regard to permissible purpose.

22. The action of Defendant FMS INC obtaining the consumer credit report of the Plaintiff with no permissible purpose or Plaintiff's consent was a violation of FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(f) and an egregious violation of Plaintiff's right to privacy.

23. Paragraphs 1 through 9 are realleged as though fully set forth herein.

Count 2

VIOLATION OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTIONS PRACTICES ACT (FDCPA), 15 U.S.C. §1692 FALSE OR MISLEADING REPRESENTATIONS IN COMMUNICATIONS BY FMS INC

24. Exhibit A violates 15 U.S.C. §§1692e, 1692e (2)(A) and 1692e (10).

25. 15 U.S.C. §1692e provides:

A debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt. Without limiting the general application of the foregoing, the following conduct is a violation of this section....

26. 1692 (2) The false representation of –
(A) the character, amount, or legal status of any debt.... [or]

27. 1692 (10) The use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer....

RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff demands judgment for damages against Defendant, FMS INC for statutory damages of \$ 2000.00, punitive and statutory damages to be determined by this honorable court, attorney's fees, and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(b) of the FCRA AND 15 U.S.C. § 1692K (a) of the FDCPA

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, Philip York, demands trial by jury.

Philip York,
By 
Plaintiff

Dated: December 5, 2012

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